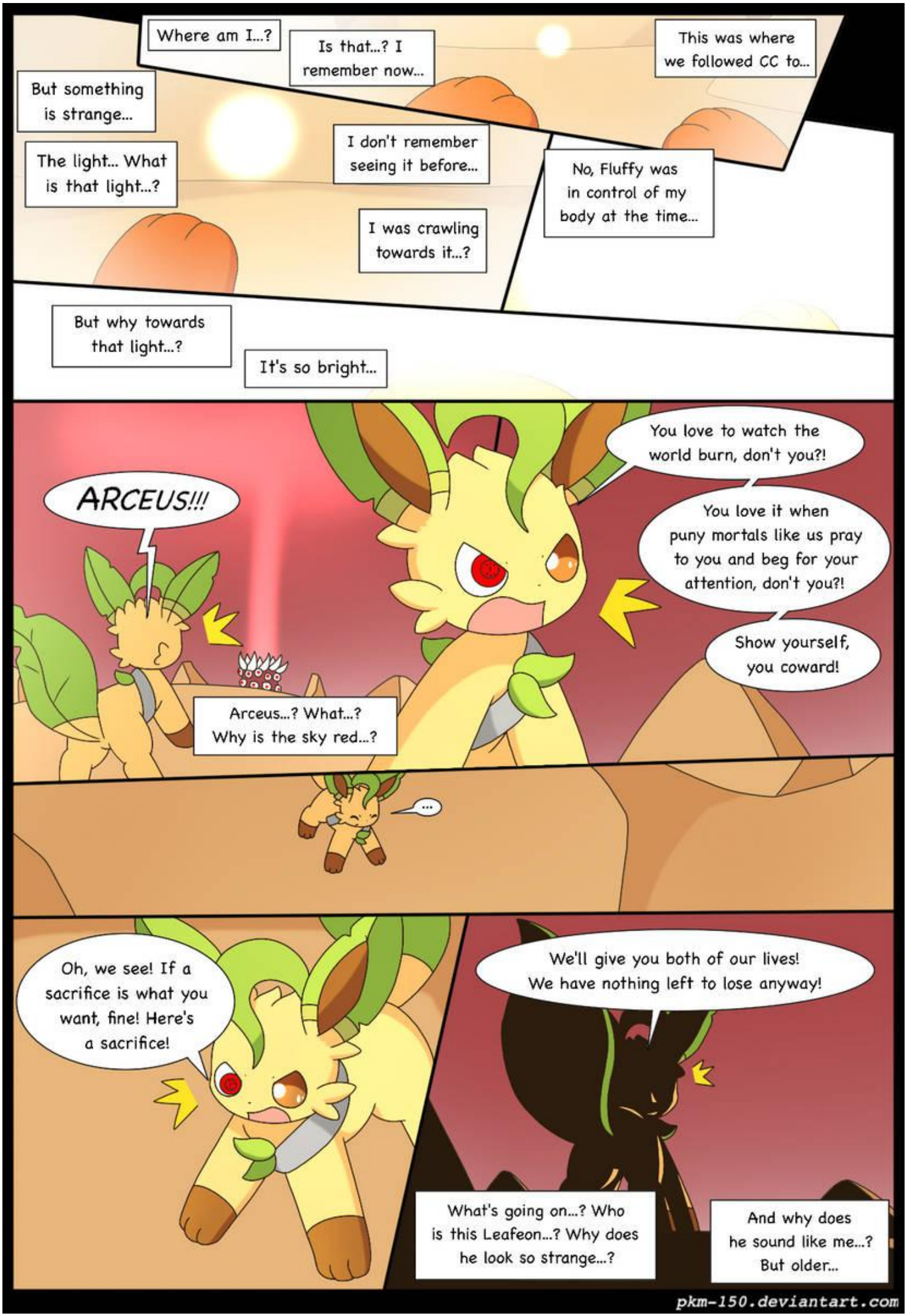
Special Chapter 10

Good Memories, Bad Memories


Where am I...?
Is that...? I remember now...
This was where we followed CC to...
But something is strange...
I don't remember seeing it before...
The light... What is that light...?
No, Fluffy was in control of my body at the time...
I was crawling towards it...?
But why towards that light...?
It's so bright...
ARCEUS!!!
You love to watch the world burn, don't you?!
You love it when puny mortals like us pray to you and beg for your attention, don't you?!
Show yourself, you coward!
Arceus...? What...? Why is the sky red...?
...
Oh, we see! If a sacrifice is what you want, fine! Here's a sacrifice!
We'll give you both of our lives! We have nothing left to lose anyway!
What's going on...? Who is this Leafeon...? Why does he look so strange...?
And why does he sound like me...? But older...

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I'm listening...
That's... Arceus...?
You... You're here... You're really here... We can't express to you how disappointed we are that you actually showed up...
A mortal with two minds merged into one, your will power is admirable. Thus, I am willing to grant you a special exception, but don't push it.
Right... We would hate to waste the time of an omnipotent, omniscient and divine being as yourself. Please allow us to get straight to the point--
Ggrraaahh!!
That's not fair! We fight, we die while you just sit back and watch this break loose! Why?!
I have seen this happen since the beginning of time. This event is bound to happen. Mortals beg their god for mercy, for a miracle to happen--
Ggrraaaah!!
Huh...? Why is he attacking Arceus...?
What do you think we're doing?!
You're wasting your energy.
We don't care!
We left many of our friends to fight and die while we are just standing here and doing nothing!
You're A MONSTER!! If you're a god, why did you let this happen?! Why didn't you stop this??
He's transforming...?
Arceus is a god...? Why didn't anyone tell me anything about Arceus...?

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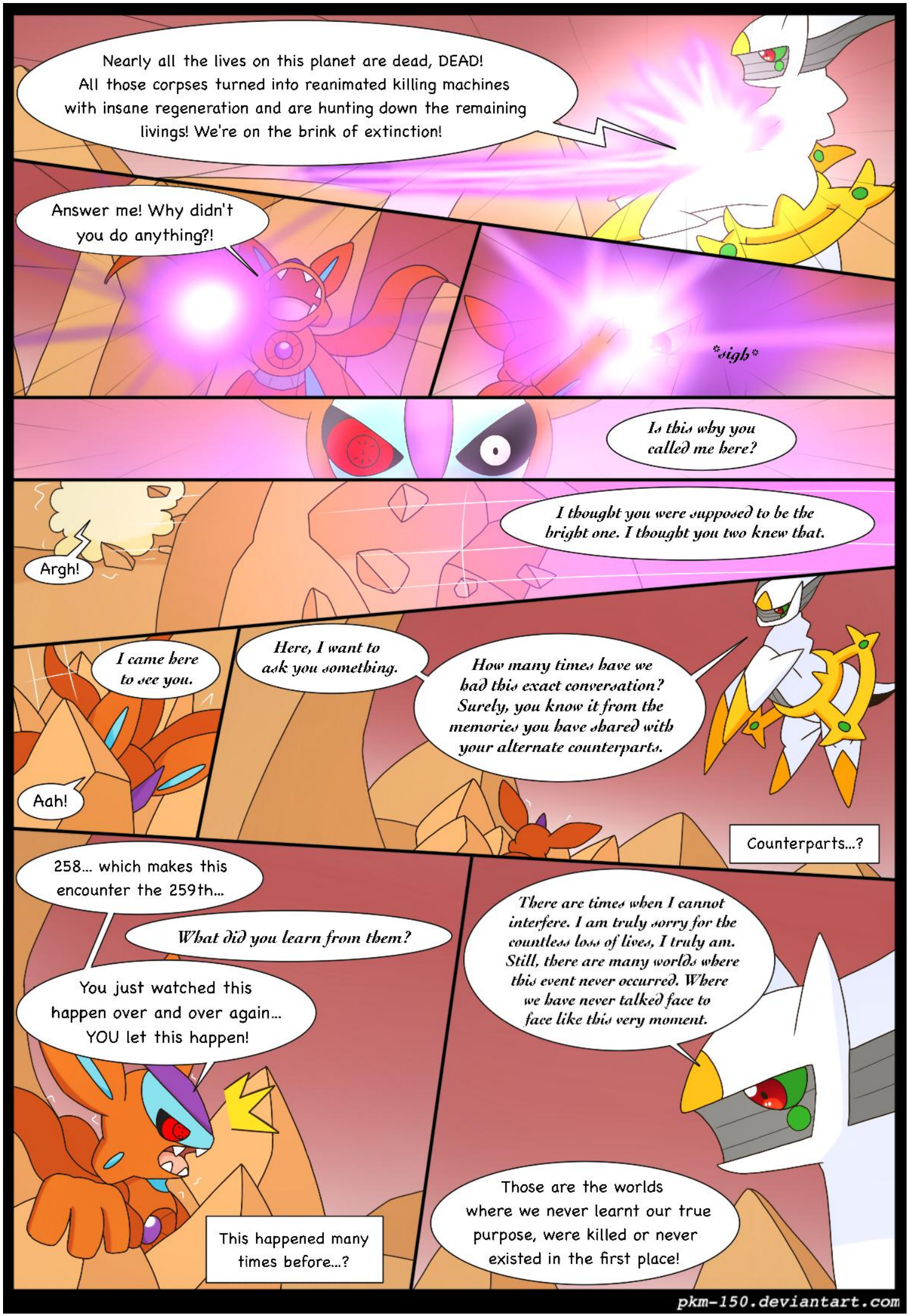
Nearly all the lives on this planet are dead, DEAD! All those corpses turned into reanimated killing machines with insane regeneration and are hunting down the remaining livings! We're on the brink of extinction!
Answer me! Why didn't you do anything?!
sigh
Is this why you called me here?
I thought you were supposed to be the bright one. I thought you two knew that.
Argh!
I came here to see you.
Here, I want to ask you something.
How many times have we had this exact conversation? Surely, you know it from the memories you have shared with your alternate counterparts.
Aah!
Counterparts...?
258... which makes this encounter the 259th...
What did you learn from them?
You just watched this happen over and over again... YOU let this happen!
There are times when I cannot interfere. I am truly sorry for the countless loss of lives, I truly am. Still, there are many worlds where this event never occurred. Where we have never talked face to face like this very moment.
This happened many times before...?
Those are the worlds where we never learnt our true purpose, were killed or never existed in the first place!

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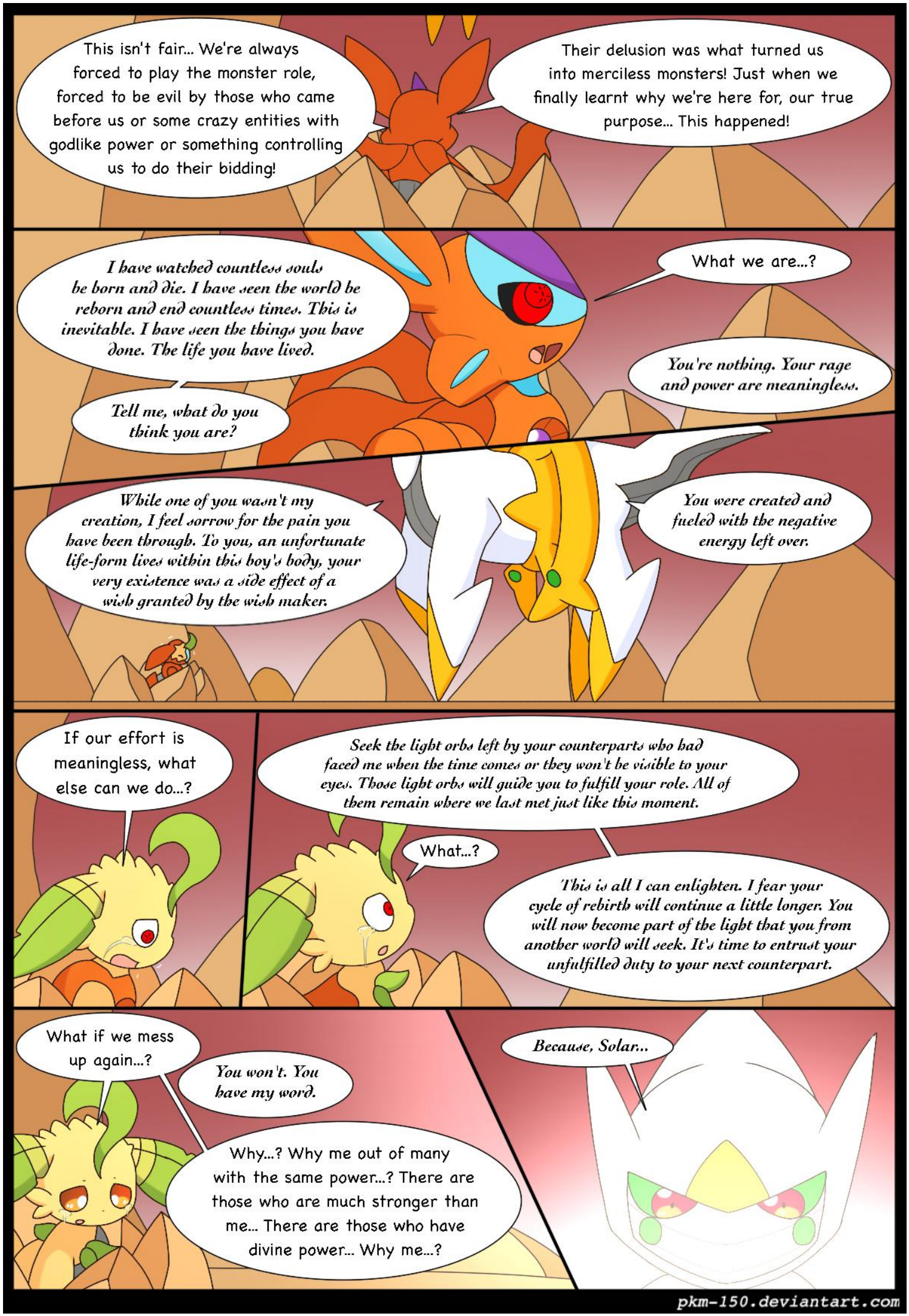
This isn't fair... We're always forced to play the monster role, forced to be evil by those who came before us or some crazy entities with godlike power or something controlling us to do their bidding!
Their delusion was what turned us into merciless monsters! Just when we finally learnt why we're here for, our true purpose... This happened!
I have watched countless souls be born and die. I have seen the world be reborn and end countless times. This is inevitable. I have seen the things you have done. The life you have lived.
Tell me, what do you think you are?
What we are...?
You're nothing. Your rage and power are meaningless.
While one of you wasn't my creation, I feel sorrow for the pain you have been through. To you, an unfortunate life-form lives within this boy's body, your very existence was a side effect of a wish granted by the wish maker.
You were created and fueled with the negative energy left over.
If our effort is meaningless, what else can we do...?
Seek the light orbs left by your counterparts who had faced me when the time comes or they won't be visible to your eyes. Those light orbs will guide you to fulfill your role. All of them remain where we last met just like this moment.
What...?
This is all I can enlighten. I fear your cycle of rebirth will continue a little longer. You will now become part of the light that you from another world will seek. It's time to entrust your unfulfilled duty to your next counterpart.
What if we mess up again...?
You won't. You have my word.
Why...? Why me out of many with the same power...? There are those who are much stronger than me... There are those who have divine power... Why me...?
Because, Solar...
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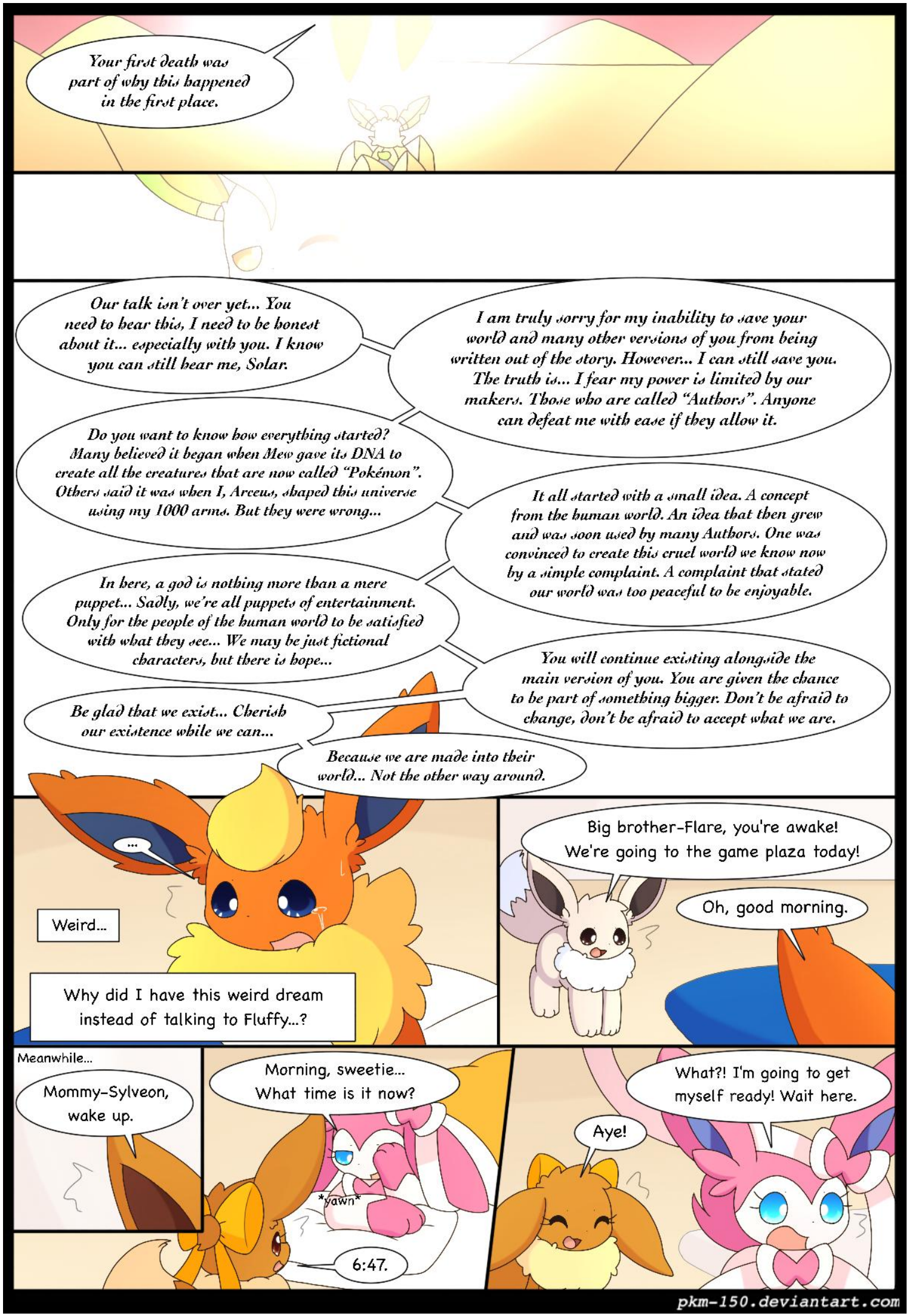
Your first death was part of why this happened in the first place.
Our talk isn't over yet... You need to hear this, I need to be honest about it... especially with you. I know you can still hear me, Solar.
I am truly sorry for my inability to save your world and many other versions of you from being written out of the story. However... I can still save you. The truth is... I fear my power is limited by our makers. Those who are called "Authors". Anyone can defeat me with ease if they allow it.
Do you want to know how everything started? Many believed it began when Mew gave its DNA to create all the creatures that are now called "Pokémon". Others said it was when I, Arceus, shaped this universe using my 1000 arms. But they were wrong...
It all started with a small idea. A concept from the human world. An idea that then grew and was soon used by many Authors. One was convinced to create this cruel world we know now by a simple complaint. A complaint that stated our world was too peaceful to be enjoyable.
In here, a god is nothing more than a mere puppet... Sadly, we're all puppets of entertainment. Only for the people of the human world to be satisfied with what they see... We may be just fictional characters, but there is hope...
You will continue existing alongside the main version of you. You are given the chance to be part of something bigger. Don't be afraid to change, don't be afraid to accept what we are.
Be glad that we exist... Cherish our existence while we can...
Because we are made into their world... Not the other way around.
...
Weird...
Why did I have this weird dream instead of talking to Fluffy...?
Big brother-Flare, you're awake! We're going to the game plaza today!
Oh, good morning.
Meanwhile...
Mommy-Sylveon, wake up.
Morning, sweetie... What time is it now?
yawn
6:47.
What?! I'm going to get myself ready! Wait here.
Aye!
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Wah!
Hello!
Are you mommy-Sylveon's friend?
Y-yes, you are...?
Daddy named me Sunshine.
You can call me Mana... Wait, mommy-Sylveon? I thought you called her big sis?
Mommy-Sylveon let me call her mommy last night.
Oh... I wasn't there at the time... So I didn't know.
What were you doing in mommy-Sylveon's bag?
Um... big sis-Silvia told me to hide somewhere. So I choose to hide in her bag.
Do you stay in the bag all the time?
No, not all the time... I go out to the beach when everyone leaves the house.
Aren't you lonely?
No... I have someone with me. He calls himself Chill. He's a Victini.
Ooh! Can we be friends?
Sure.
What does Chill look like?
He's yellow, I think. He has orange pointy ears in the shape of the letter V and wings for his tails.
My friend, Vi, looks the same as him.
Really?
Aye, but I don't know where he is or when I will see him again.
Maybe there are more Victini out there? Anyways, I'm sure you'll meet him again.
I'm done!
Mana? I thought I told you to hide. What are you doing all the way out here?

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Sorry, big sis-Silvia...
Aw, don't be like that. It's alright.
Sweetie, come here.
Aye!
Now don't tell anyone about Mana, okay? At least not until I tell you to, or say it's alright.
Aye, anything for mommy.
Hehe... Um...
Eevee, is Sylveon ready to go yet?
I'm ready, Espy!
Okay, come down here. Everyone has been waiting for you.
Be right there!
Mana, stay in here until after everyone leaves the house.
Okay, big sis-Silvia.
Come on, everyone is waiting. Mana, see you later.
Bye-bye, big sis-Silvia! Bye-bye, Sunshine!
Bye-bye, Mana!
Chill, are you in here?
I am now. You know, it's kinda weird when you asked me to hide in a girls room.
Sorry...
It's alright.
Mind if I ask you a question?
I don't mind. What is it?
So um... Do you know where Sunshine came from? I don't think big brother-Speedy is her real daddy.
Oh, boss found her egg in a broken tree. I remember him telling me to spy on that same tree right after he took her home. An entire month of my time spent doing that for him and it was all for nothing...

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Why did he make you do that?
Well, he just thought that someone would come back looking for the egg. So he had me keep a look out just in case.
And no one came?
Yeah... It was a boring job.
Anyway, where is your bow? You usually have it on when I see you.
It's in the bag. I was going to wear it after Sunshine and Big sis-Silvia left.
Let me put it on you then.
You're very nice.
Yeah, yeah...
Okay, Chill out... She's only 5...
Is something wrong?
Everything is fine!
Anyway, why do you always call big brother-Speedy boss? Sunshine also said she met another Victini named Vi. Do you know him?
It's just a way to mock him since he hated it when I called him boss. Anyway... about Vi... That was me. Only a few Mythical Pokémon species have more than one member. Victini isn't one of them so I'm the first and the last of my kind.
That's sad. I suppose you didn't tell Sunshine your real name because you didn't want her to tell big brother-Speedy you followed him.
Anything you wanna do today?
Big sis-Silvia said there are some movies we can watch in the living room.
Let's watch them then.
Okay.
A while later...
So... Did you two enjoy your breakfast?

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Yup!
Aye!
That's great.
Flare?
Oh hi, Leafy.
How are you doing?
Good, I guess.
You're more quiet than usual. Is everything alright?
Maybe.
Maybe?
It's nothing. I'm just thinking about the dream I had.
Is that bothering you?
Maybe you're just tired.
A little.
yawn
You really are tired.
I guess.
Mr. Frank said it should take about half an hour or so to reach the museum. You can take a nap until then if you want. Go ahead and rest. I'll wake you up when we reach our destination.
Thanks, Leafy.
Anytime.
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So anything you wanna talk about? It's getting a little boring.
Are you into books?
No.
I'm into comic books, not the written kind.
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Strange, why am I here? I didn't eat any chocolate.
Huh?
Fluffy?
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Fluffy?
Fluffy!
Fluffy, what's wrong? Say something!
Don't bother... He can't respond.
Leave Starlight alone for now... He needs some time to reboot his entire biological system after what happened yesterday.
Starlight...?
Wait... You're that Leafeon from my dream...
...but a little different.
=?
Who are you and why did you call Fluffy Starlight?
That was what I called mine... Well, when I had him for a time.
Wait... You're me... But a Leafeon?
Now I remember. Fluffy made me touch a strange glowing light. Was that where you came from and how you got into my head?
It was also the last place you were in my dream before everything turned white.
So that's what happened... We were sent here in a special form of light known as a Light Orb... Both my Starlight and yours can't exist in the same space...
One had to go so the other could exist... His spiritual form must have become my new body after he disappeared in order to keep me from being erased...

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You mean your Fluffy was...
Gone forever... I need to stop calling yours Starlight...
Are there more glowing lights like the one from yesterday out there? Will another me appear in here when I find another one?
259 in total. Since you already found one, there are 258 left to find. Arceus said something along the lines of being unable to save us from being erased...
Not that anyone understands a dang thing I said anyway. I don't get how ones wanted Fluffy dead, yet wanting him alive at the same time-- Ah, forget it...
Okay, what...?
Could it be that out of those 259 versions of us, I'm the only survivor and the rest turned into nothing more than mere memories?
Wait, there are 259 other versions of us?
Actually, no. Last time when I was 100% alive, there were 362,880 of us. Just yesterday when I woke up in your world or as you can see, your body, the number somehow increased up to a few millions.
Last time? Are you... still alive?
I don't know... Logically, no since I don't have a real body in the physical world anymore, but I'm still here talking to you in this spiritual world... So both yes and no at this point...
It seems that... I've become one of them, trapped in this realm. It feels like I'm everywhere.
So um... How did you change into a strange monster during my dream?
Apart from Starlight, I got myself infected with a passive Space Virus. It allowed me to temporarily transform into something similar to a being known as Deoxys. It would have been a permanent transformation and turned me into a mindless rampaging monster if it was an aggressive one.
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What's a Deoxys?
Did that one also get erased?
Oh...
An alien, a being from outer space.
It can't enter this realm. It was trapped inside my real body and I lost that... So it was most likely erased along with it.
Now, I'm sure you noticed how you could enter this world without using your power. That was because I called you here, for a reason.
It's very important, so please pay close attention. For what I'm about to tell you might be difficult to understand.
The fabric of your reality is currently weakened. It's causing it to jumble, opening room for many possibilities whether good, bad, or indifferent.
Hold on... This means... This is my chance...
What are you doing?
Finding out if your world is one of those where Deomorph could exist.
Deomorph? What's that?
The entities that were responsible for the end of my world. Only 388 out of a few millions worlds I mentioned have faced them so far, but there's still a slim chance that your world is the next one on the list.
Luckily, I still retain the ability to manipulate the flow of the Memory Path, allowing us to explore any worlds without interfering with the flow of their reality. Normally, we can only see things from the perspective of us from those worlds, but what's happening now should allow us to see everything we need.
Brace yourself, for what you're about to see can be rather... inappropriate if my suspicions were right.

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No. Nope. Not here. Not there.
Huh?
What is that?
Something I'd like to call "The Tower". It's basically the first form of the imperfect Deomorph. This one seems recently made. Maybe yesterday?
Imperfect... What about those monsters? They look similar to you back then, but... much scarier...
Those are the Mimickers, a form of imperfect Deomorph, at least that's what I used to call the ones from my world. They attempted to mimic beings similar to Deoxys.
In another word, they're nothing more than mindless, mutated, mass-produced, armored Berserkers. So they can still be stopped if we have enough armed forces and judging by how advanced the city we're currently in, this world shouldn't worry about them much.
What you see here used to be a Pikachu.
Seriously?
Now the real Deomorph infections are the hybrids between Space Virus and dead Amorphnism. Just to be clear, the dead Amorphnism is the black burning liquid that pours out from the heart of a Berserker after their heart was pierced.
Could you show me what they look like?
No.
Why? You showed me the fake, scary ones, why can't you show me the real ones?
No means no. Why would you want to see that?
I'm just curious.
I seriously forgot how clueless I used to be...
Clueless?
Forget that...
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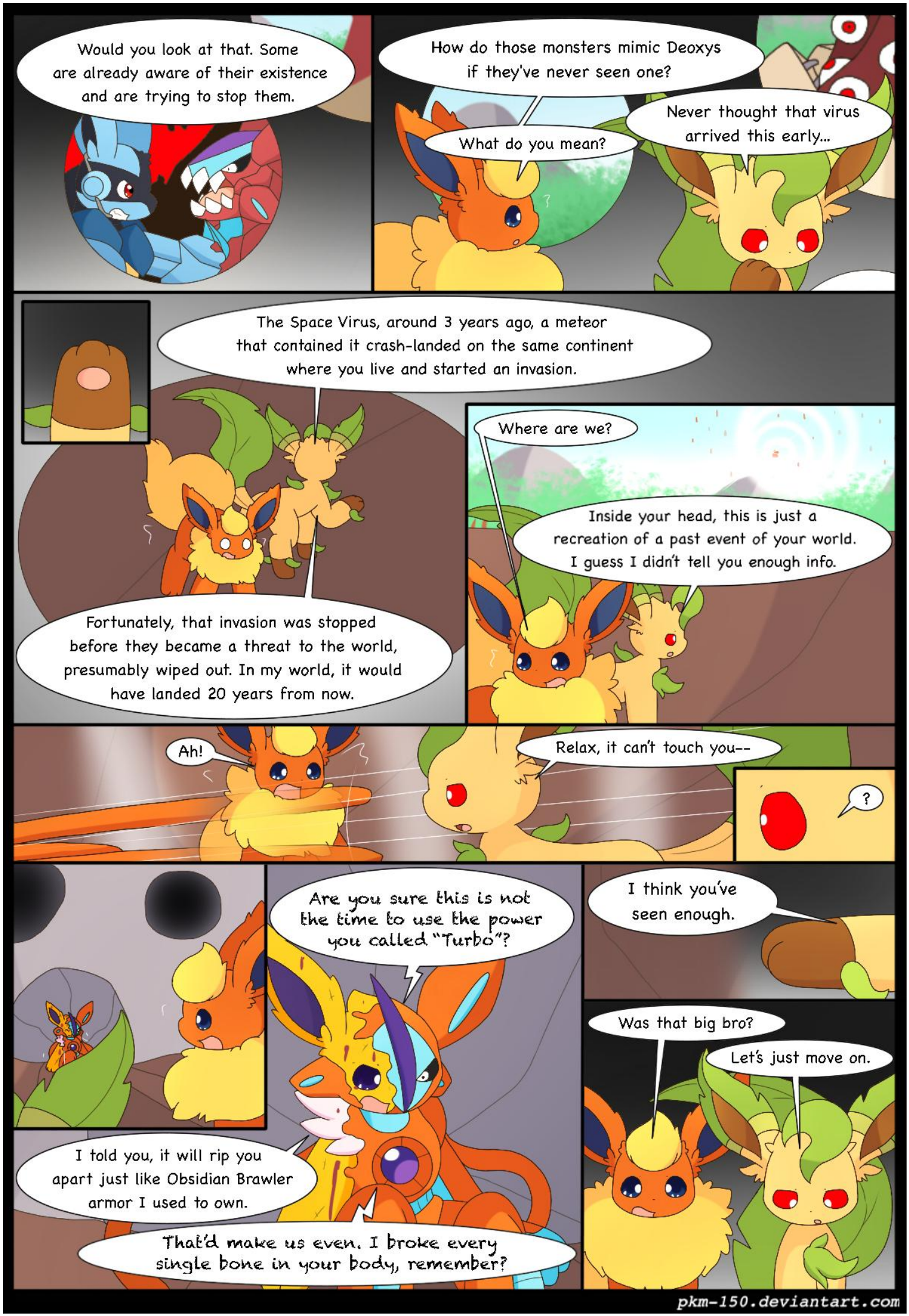
Would you look at that. Some are already aware of their existence and are trying to stop them.
How do those monsters mimic Deoxys if they've never seen one?
What do you mean?
Never thought that virus arrived this early...
The Space Virus, around 3 years ago, a meteor that contained it crash-landed on the same continent where you live and started an invasion.
Fortunately, that invasion was stopped before they became a threat to the world, presumably wiped out. In my world, it would have landed 20 years from now.
Where are we?
Inside your head, this is just a recreation of a past event of your world. I guess I didn't tell you enough info.
Ah!
Relax, it can't touch you--
?
Are you sure this is not the time to use the power you called "Turbo"?
I told you, it will rip you apart just like Obsidian Brawler armor I used to own.
That'd make us even. I broke every single bone in your body, remember?
I think you've seen enough.
Was that big bro?
Let's just move on.
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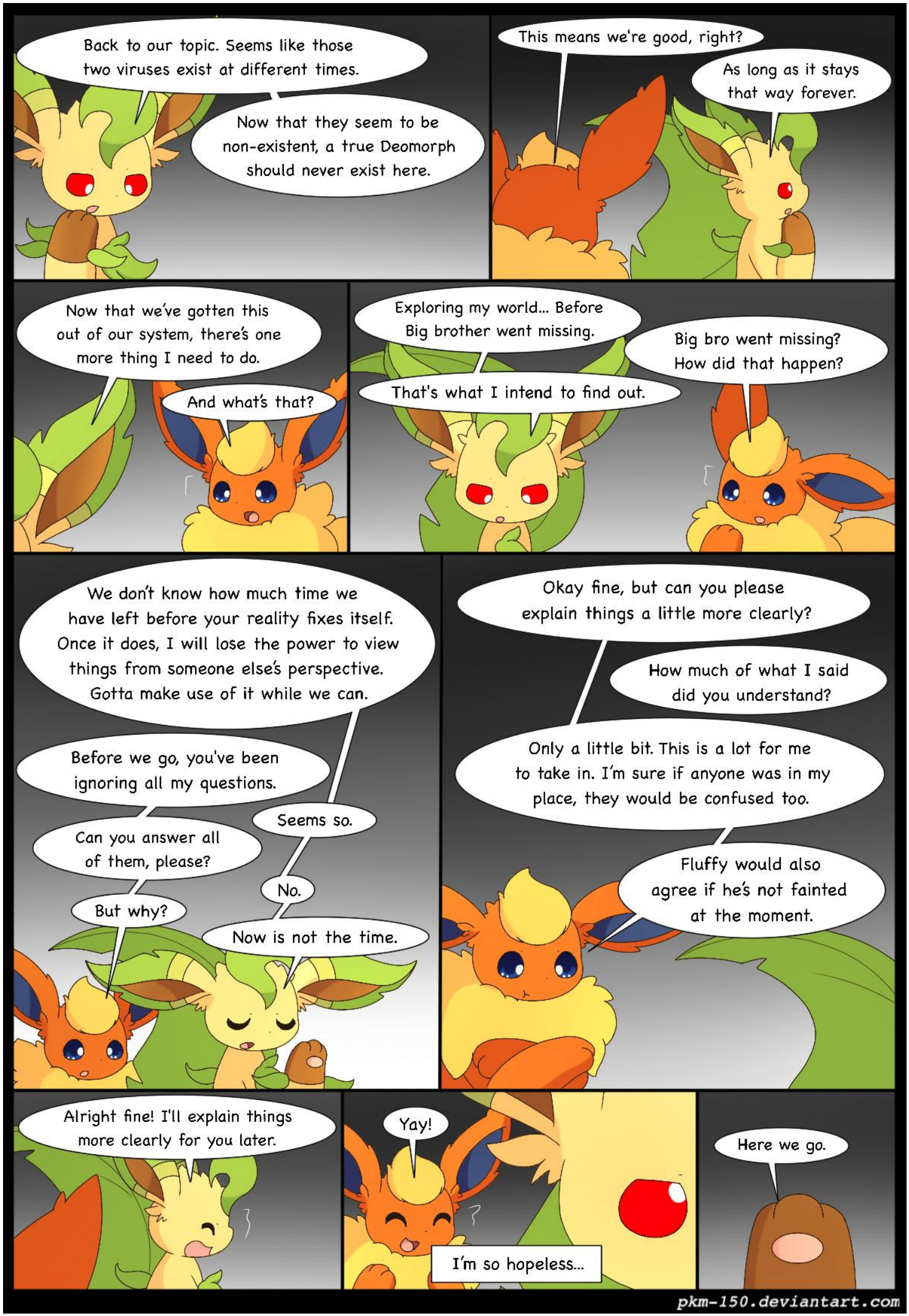
Back to our topic. Seems like those two viruses exist at different times.
Now that they seem to be non-existent, a true Deomorph should never exist here.
This means we're good, right?
As long as it stays that way forever.
Now that we've gotten this out of our system, there's one more thing I need to do.
And what's that?
Exploring my world... Before Big brother went missing.
That's what I intend to find out.
Big bro went missing? How did that happen?
We don't know how much time we have left before your reality fixes itself. Once it does, I will lose the power to view things from someone else's perspective. Gotta make use of it while we can.
Before we go, you've been ignoring all my questions.
Can you answer all of them, please?
But why?
Seems so.
No.
Now is not the time.
Okay fine, but can you please explain things a little more clearly?
How much of what I said did you understand?
Only a little bit. This is a lot for me to take in. I'm sure if anyone was in my place, they would be confused too.
Fluffy would also agree if he's not fainted at the moment.
Alright fine! I'll explain things more clearly for you later.
Yay!
I'm so hopeless...
Here we go.

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You finally hatched!
H... Hac...?
Hug!
Hehe.
I remember this. It was the day we hatched, but I don't remember looking like that before.
You must remember that not every world looks the same. Yours just happened to have undergone a total of 4 reforms while mine remained unchanged.
I still don't have any explanation on how that has happened for some worlds but not the others.
You know... Seeing this again makes today seem rather sad, so much had changed...
Yeah... We haven't hugged like that for years...

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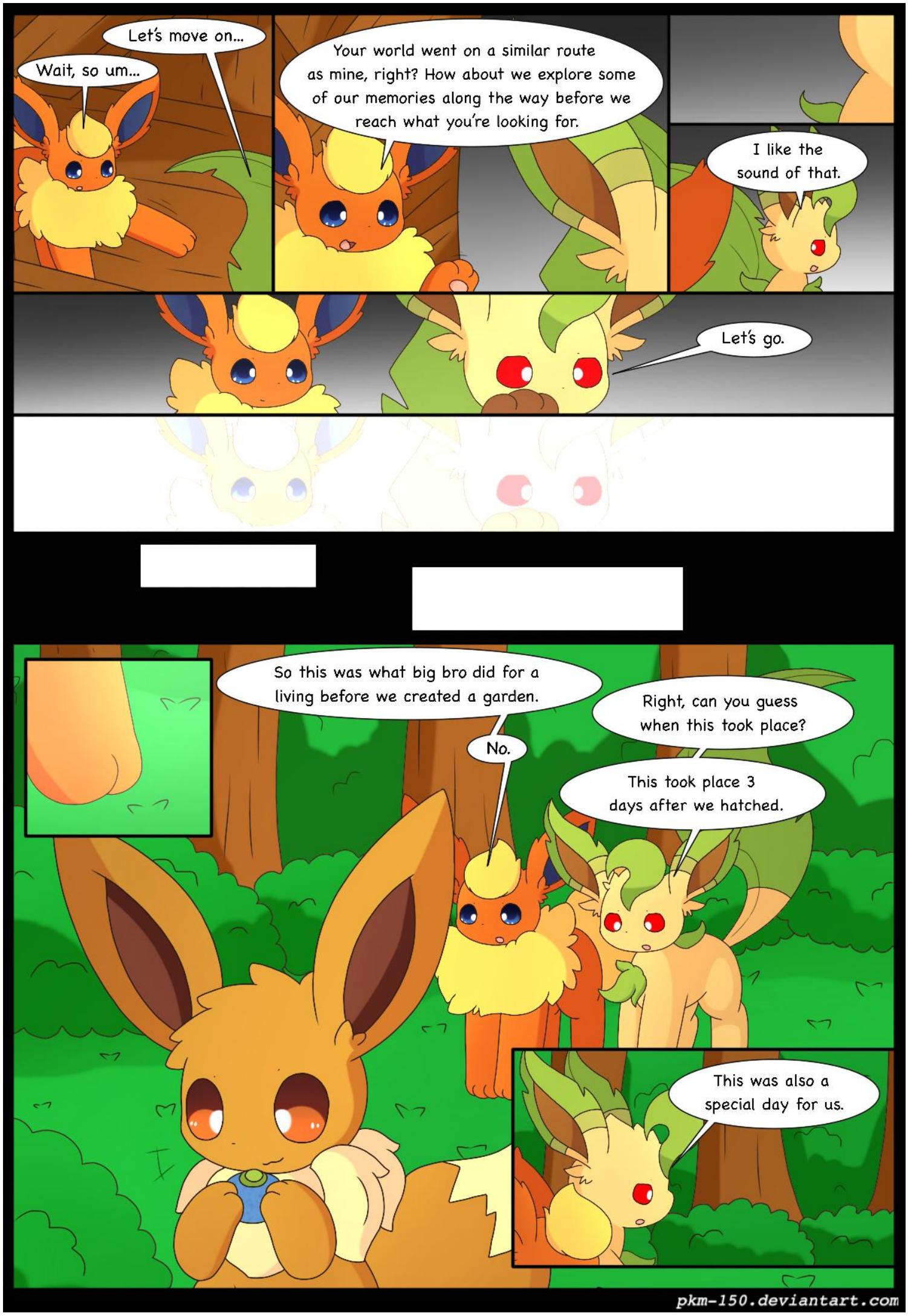
Let's move on...
Wait, so um...
Your world went on a similar route as mine, right? How about we explore some of our memories along the way before we reach what you're looking for.
I like the sound of that.
Let's go.
So this was what big bro did for a living before we created a garden.
No.
Right, can you guess when this took place?
This took place 3 days after we hatched.
This was also a special day for us.

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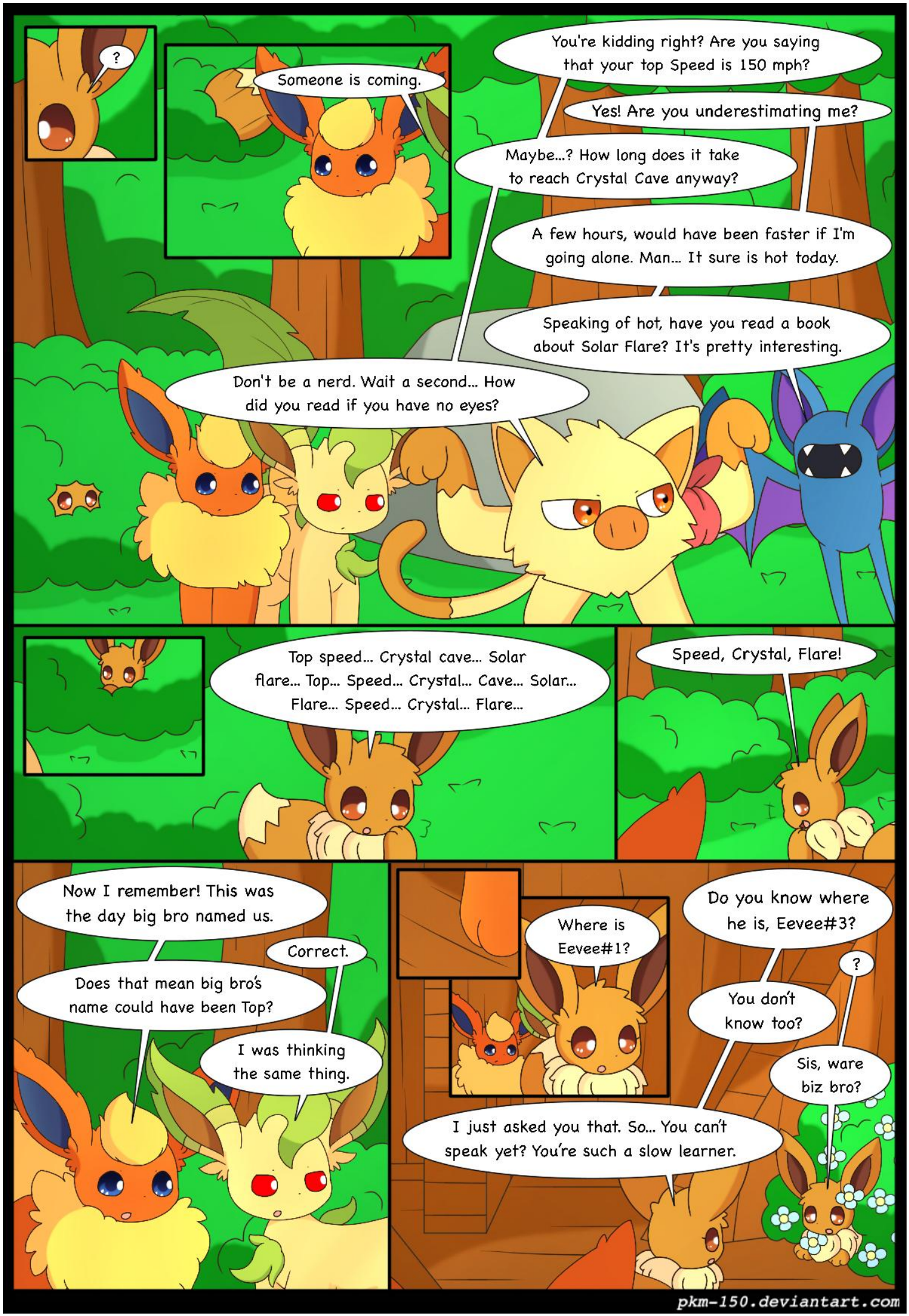
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Someone is coming.
You're kidding right? Are you saying that your top Speed is 150 mph?
Yes! Are you underestimating me?
Maybe...? How long does it take to reach Crystal Cave anyway?
A few hours, would have been faster if I'm going alone. Man... It sure is hot today.
Speaking of hot, have you read a book about Solar Flare? It's pretty interesting.
Don't be a nerd. Wait a second... How did you read if you have no eyes?
Top speed... Crystal cave... Solar flare... Top... Speed... Crystal... Cave... Solar... Flare... Speed... Crystal... Flare...
Speed, Crystal, Flare!
Now I remember! This was the day big bro named us.
Correct.
Does that mean big bro's name could have been Top?
I was thinking the same thing.
Where is Eevee#1?
Do you know where he is, Eevee#3?
?
You don't know too?
Sis, ware biz bro?
I just asked you that. So... You can't speak yet? You're such a slow learner.
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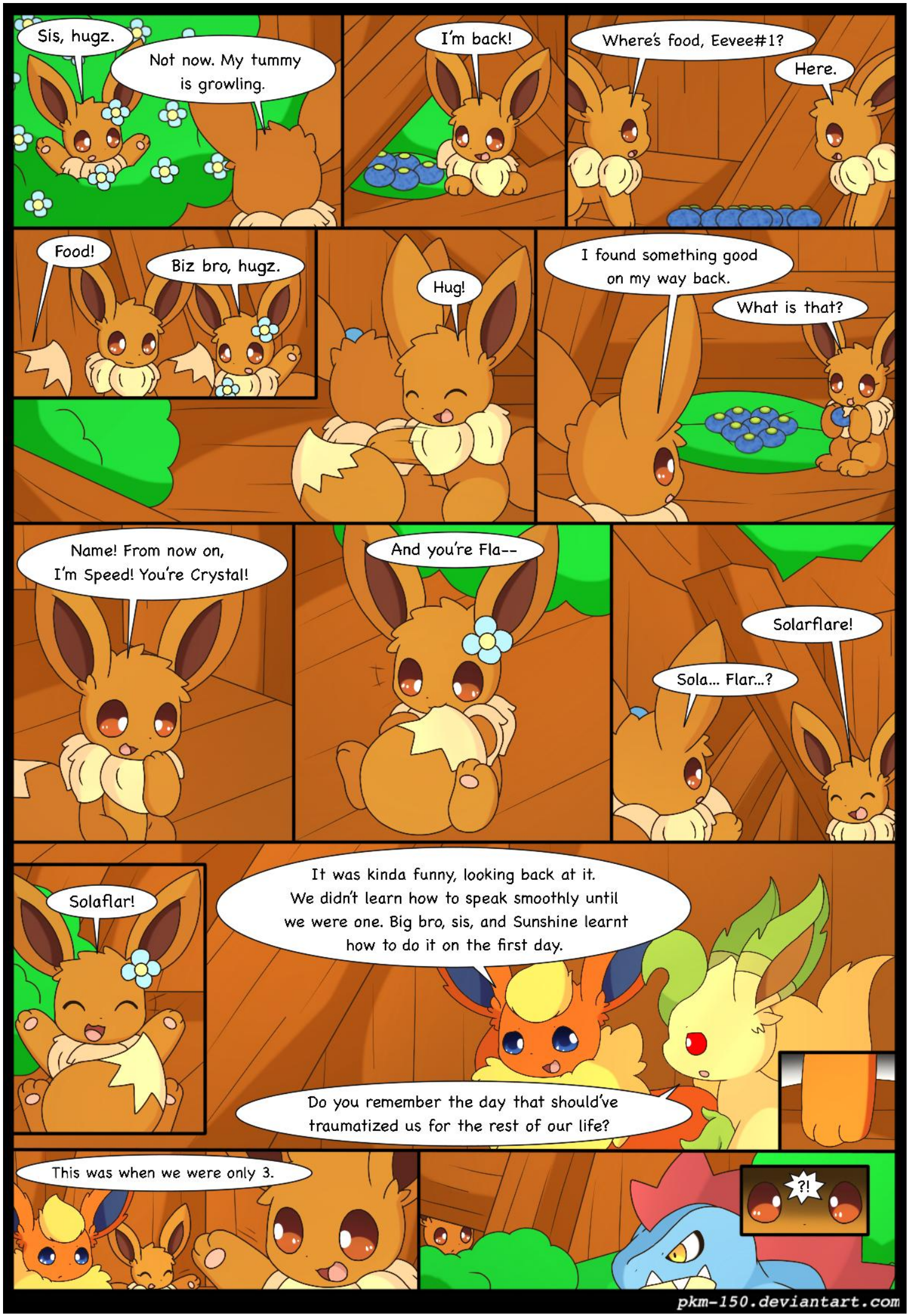
Sis, hugz.
Not now. My tummy is growling.
I'm back!
Where's food, Eevee#1?
Here.
Food!
Biz bro, hugz.
Hug!
I found something good on my way back.
What is that?
Name! From now on, I'm Speed! You're Crystal!
And you're Fla--
Solarflare!
Sola... Flar...?
Solaflar!
It was kinda funny, looking back at it. We didn't learn how to speak smoothly until we were one. Big bro, sis, and Sunshine learnt how to do it on the first day.
Do you remember the day that should've traumatized us for the rest of our life?
This was when we were only 3.
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Hello, little fresh meats!
Aaaaahhh!!
We either died here or continued living. In the end...
It seemed our fate allowed our life to continue.
That Feraligatr soon left and never came back. Maybe getting us wasn't worth it.
That didn't traumatize us and sis, we became braver instead.
But this incident somehow traumatized big brother.
It did?
From the look of it, that was the reason big brother started training and wanted to get strong.
Ever since that day, big bro was training whenever he left the house?
Yeah... He also tried to look for our parents too.
How did you know that? I thought you said you can only see things from our point of view, not his.
There are many realities that are nearly identical to ours. Some of them revealed more information than the others. For example, there's a few where big brother adopted another kid named Ruby.
Oh...
Let's go to the next part.
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Well, it's nice to find a friendly wild Pokémon.
I'm Trace, nice to meet you.
My name is... Speed.
Speedy, huh? Not a bad name.
Why are you staring me like that?
What...?
Nothing, just can't get my eyes off a cute girl like you.
I recognized that Shinx, he's big bro's friend-- Is he flirting with big bro?
Um... Let's move on.
Go, Team Yellow Thunder!
Now I get why Sylveon said she was his girlfriend.
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What's that blue Pokémon?
A mythical Pokémon, Manaphy.
Wow...
Something seems missing...
A berserk Lucario never attacked big brother and the Evolution Medals were never built like in most timelines I've seen.
Is that bad?
I have no idea. I suppose that explained why I mostly saw big brother bandaged from the point of view of the other us, but not mine.
I wish for... an apple! Maybe this big!
You're gonna waste your one wish on an apple?
It's not my fault that I can only think of food!
I'll just teleport you an apple. You should use your wish for something else. Here you go.
Who's that Pokémon he's talking to?
Jirachi, a mythical Pokémon that's known for being a wish maker.
Wish maker...
Now let's continue watching, shall we?
I love you, Jirachi!
Aw... Geez... No, problem.
I'm serious, man. You're the second coolest Pokémon I've ever met!
Hey, um... If I make a wish to bring back deceased Pokémon, can you grant it?
I'm afraid I can't do that. Well, I can, but only if their deaths happened in less than a year.
I see...
So your big bro tried to bring your parents back to life...?
Not just mine, yours did it too.
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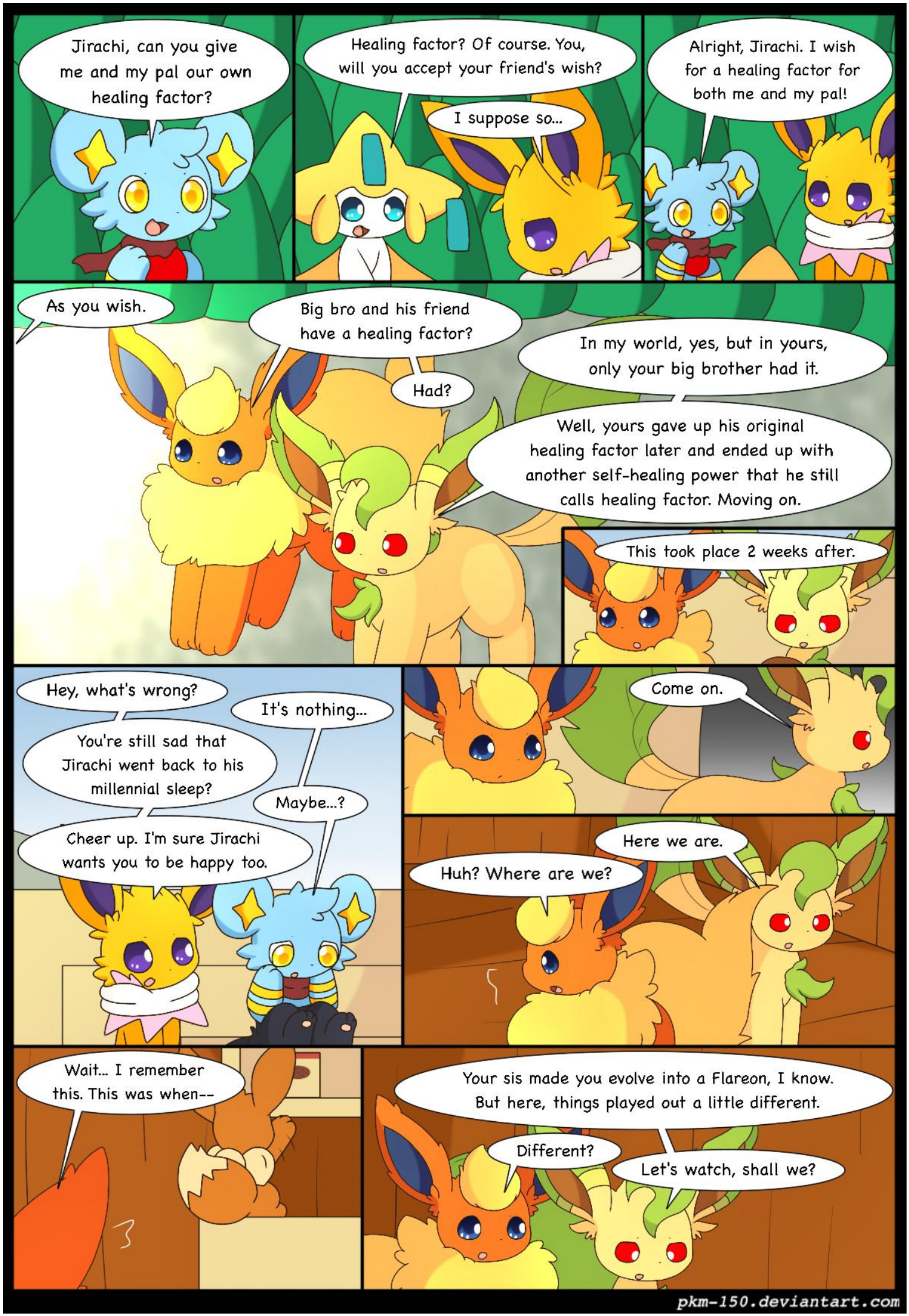
Jirachi, can you give me and my pal our own healing factor?
Healing factor? Of course. You, will you accept your friend's wish?
I suppose so...
Alright, Jirachi. I wish for a healing factor for both me and my pal!
As you wish.
Big bro and his friend have a healing factor?
Had?
In my world, yes, but in yours, only your big brother had it.
Well, yours gave up his original healing factor later and ended up with another self-healing power that he still calls healing factor. Moving on.
This took place 2 weeks after.
Hey, what's wrong?
It's nothing...
You're still sad that Jirachi went back to his millennial sleep?
Maybe...?
Cheer up. I'm sure Jirachi wants you to be happy too.
Come on.
Here we are.
Huh? Where are we?
Wait... I remember this. This was when--
Your sis made you evolve into a Flareon, I know. But here, things played out a little different.
Different?
Let's watch, shall we?

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Oh, Sunny~
?
How do I look~? Cute, right?
Wow... Sis, you evolved? You're so cute!
Thank you! Jolteon has a box full of Evolution Stones. Wanna check it out?
No, thanks.
Yes.
Aw... Oh well... Were you trying to get that cookie jar?
Here you go.
Thanks, sis!
I wish my sis was more like yours...
We all have something to regret... For me, it happens later on in life.
Let's continue.
We have our winner!
Congratulation to Shade the Absol! You are now the 4th Champion of Sunny Town!
Hmph.
Can you imagine a guy like him could become a champion?
Well, at least he stopped hating you.
If I didn't have a healing factor, I would have joined that tournament!
I just thought that with our healing factors, it would have given us an unfair advantage.
Why didn't you just join it?

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You're saying the bracelets I found were just ordinary bracelets?
Yes, we've analyzed them many times, but there wasn't any technological trace.
...
Hah!
Stay down!
Empty room...
?!
Ah!
Argh!
Aaarrgghhh!!
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...?
?
Aaahh!
Argh! Aaarrh--
So this was why he never came back... His original healing power was never meant to bring him back to life like the second one.
If only there was some amazing force outside of time... To take us back to where we were... Back when everything was peaceful. When this cycle never existed...
What happened to sis after that...?
The disappearance of big brother took a toll on her. Sis wasn't as cheerful as she used to be... To be fair, I hadn't seen her smile for years...
What about Sunshine?
Oh...
I don't know... We never found her...
Why were the Scavengers responsible for what happened to him...? I thought they were one of the good guys-- No... I'm missing something. This must be before they changed. Before the Alpha Berserker War.
Scavengers? What are those?
Let's just say... They're Category 1.5, a group of Category 1 Berserkers that were forced to mutate in order to survive. The one I allied with preferred machines over corpses as their body. Let me show you--
Is something wrong?

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Great... Just great... Now my Starlight's body is rebooting itself too. At least I'm not in static state like your Sta--Fluffy because I have a full soul instead of fragments. It seems we can't proceed much further.
Looks like we have to save it for later.
Aw...
Sadly, this is good bye for now.
You can touch me?
Yeah, one more thing. My mom died along with my dad and uncle, but yours, your mom is still alive and close to you... Really close... Until we speak again...
...show big brother and sis how much we love them...
You're awake.
How long have I been sleeping?
Around 20 minutes. You can rest a little more if you want.
It's alright, I'm not tired anymore.
I don't know, it sounds boring.
Oh hey, Sunny.
?
Hug time!
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Last night...
I just got your call. Do you need anything?
Yup... I want to start a search once we get home.
For what exactly?
My mom, I don't know why now and not back then, but I really want to see her.
To be honest... I already searched for her.
You did?
When?
I did.
Around a month ago right after you said your mother might be alive.
You started looking for her before I asked you to?
I knew you were going to.
What if I didn't ask?
If you never asked, you'd simply never know what I found.
...
Did you find her?
Daddy!
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Hey, sweetie... Do you need anything?
Big brother wants us to hug!
All of a sudden?
?
Don't forget about me!
Kids...
Big bro, please don't leave us again...
Come on, no way he'll leave us like he did years ago.
I guess so...
Big bro, I had a weird dream, telling me that our mom is still alive.
Grandma?
Our mom is still alive? Where is she?
Wait... That's just a dream. How can you be so sure?
Well, it...
It's alright, we'll find her.
Really?
Hold on, you actually believe what Sunny said?
It's a chance we have to take.
Oh well, but what if it's false hope?
It's not.
I almost forgot!
I know that museums are boring, but don't get so moody over it, okay?
Right...
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A while later...
Are you saying Mrs. Mollie is really our mother?
Well... I tested your siblings' DNA with hers and they matched.
You did it once?
5 times exactly... To make sure the results were correct.
That's great news! Why didn't you tell me sooner?
It's complicated...
Why?
Only your siblings share the same DNA with Mrs. Mollie...
The results kept showing that there was a zero percent chance of you being related to them and her.
You wouldn't happen to be...? You know what I mean...
Here we are.
Welcome to the Museum of Technology.
Wow!
Ooh!
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Let's start from here. What do you think that is?
It looks just like the train we took a few minutes ago.
That's because that train was reverse-engineered from what you see here. This relic is estimated to be at least 3000 years old.
Wow... It's amazing.
Cool, who would imagine that something as cool as that is 3000 years old?
Booooring!
Come on, you always find something like this boring.
Yeah... blah, blah, blah. Whatever.
Food Court
Now then, where is my little fluffy?
Fluffy?
Oh, there he is--
Fluffy is still sleeping so it's alright.
Okay, anything else happened?
Well, I also met another me in my dream.
Really?
Eeeeekk!
See, nothing happened like I told you.
Hey, how are you two doing?
We're good, sis.
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By the way, do you know what's up with her?
...
Maybe because Flare is eating a chocolate bar?
Don't burn the place down... Don't burn the place down...
Sis? Are you okay?
Eek!
Sure, Sunny, I'm perfectly, Completely FIIIINE!
Um...
Glaceon?
You're different than you used to be.
Yes?
You're different too and don't get me started on what you did yesterday.
What did he do? Could you tell us?
Um... On second thought, it's better not to mention it...
What did he do?!
Kya!
Stop freaking out, will you?
Everyone's looking at us.
Let me handle her.
There, there...
See, now your younger brother is acting like your older brother to you.
You have no right to say that! Your little sister always acts like your big sister!
Hey!

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Let's just follow the others.
Soon...
This is a space ship that was unearthed on this island. Many scientists are trying to reverse-engineer it.
Wow...
Awesome!
Whoa...
Is it like the thing called "car" we saw earlier?
It's different. A few prototype replicas of that ancient vehicle, "car", have been tested recently. It's only a matter of time before they're sold to the public.
I don't think they're for four-legged like us though.
Yeah.
Excellent point. In fact, the originals were specifically built for bipedal species which means their original owners walked on two legs.
That's very interesting.
What's up with her?
She's just still reacting to seeing Flareon eating chocolate awhile ago.
Sunny isn't going crazy yet... Sunny isn't going crazy yet...
Big sis-Vaporeon is acting weird.
Looks like she's having some sort of trauma.
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What's that?
Like being reminded of bad memories or something.
Sunny, tell me I'm not dreaming!
Of course, you're not.
?
Hey, Espy.
Y-yes?
You know what's up with Jolteon?
Oh um... We just had a chat last night. Maybe what we talked about upset him.
What were you two talking about?
Yeah.
Sorry, I can't tell.
Aw...
Hmph...
Was all this time... he only lied to me to make me stop caring about him?
If you were in my place, you'd have gone insane by now!
Wow, will we be able to ride something like this in the future?
Idiot...
Anything is possible. Just give it time.
Okay!
That voice sounded... familiar...
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Come on, let's go over there!
Hey, don't rush. We still have a whole day to look around.
No, maybe it was just my imagination.
Hi.
Your name is... Black, right?
What do you want?
Sorry if I'm bothering you.
Look, why did you come over here?
I was wondering if I can ask for your forgiveness.
Psst, for what exactly?
We've never even talked before.
You're a complete stranger to me.
Here I might come across as a stranger...
...but in my world we are family.
Yeah, right. Is my brother, Frost, really your brother in your world?
Yes and he trusted me and was always there for me.
Is this really true?
Yes, it is.
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Mine was always there for me too...
In the end, he gave his life to save me...
I always trusted him even when I doubted him. I just wish...
...he didn't have to go...
He's still alive in my world, but here...
I'm sorry if I reminded you of him. I guess it makes you sad that he's gone.
I still miss him. If your world's Frost is anything like mine was...
I'm sorry... Sorry for everything.
I don't mean to...
You may be a stranger. I admit that I was uncomfortable since you came around.
...And it's harder for me to forgive and forget.
I had no idea you were like that.
My Black is very forgiving.
He even treats me like his own sister.
That's a shame...
Because I'm not the Black you know.
Still, I'm not mad at you, okay?
I may have doubted you, but anyone who's close to my brother...
...even if it's the one from another world...
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...can't be that bad.
Right?
Right! Thank you.
Don't mistake acknowledgement for acceptance. I only said that out of respect for my brother.
S-sorry.
I'll still have my eyes on you...
Don't be. Let's just move on.
Big sis-Espeon!
Oh hey, Eevee. Do you need anything?
I can see that.
Sorry about that. She's quite playful today.
Big sis-Espeon, wanna know something?
Sure.
Big sis-Sylveon and big sis-Glaceon are now my mommies.
Eh?
Come on, I told you not to tell anyone.
But I want big sis-Espeon to know.
It's alright, it's all up to her to choose whoever she wants to call mommy.
Aye!
Wait, if Sunshine calls you and big sister-Lazuli mommy, and calls big brother-Speedy daddy, does that mean you three are going to...?
Axel...
Sorry, it's just a thought.

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?
Glacy, watch over the kids. I gotta go somewhere.
Why me?
Because you have a lot of bonding to do. You know what I mean.
Well, I... I guess you're right.
Mommy-Glaceon!
Your face is red.
Okay, if Espy isn't gonna tell me anything...
I'll just ask him myself~
Meanwhile...
There you are, Speedy Topnotch.
I told you to stay out of this, yet you snuck behind my back and did the one thing I told you NOT to do.
I was trying to stop those monsters from attacking the industries. Why won't you listen to me?
I do, kid. In fact, I'm the only one who BELIEVED you. Everyone else calls me crazy for allowing a 12 year old to be a child soldier.
I was doing just fine before I met you--
That's because you don't have any parents to scold you, so zip it!
I--
Do you really think they would let you do this?
I...
Your reckless attitude won't get you anywhere.
If anyone died just because of your actions, that's on you. But if you died, I put that on me.
I can't die anyway--
That doesn't mean everyone you love won't.

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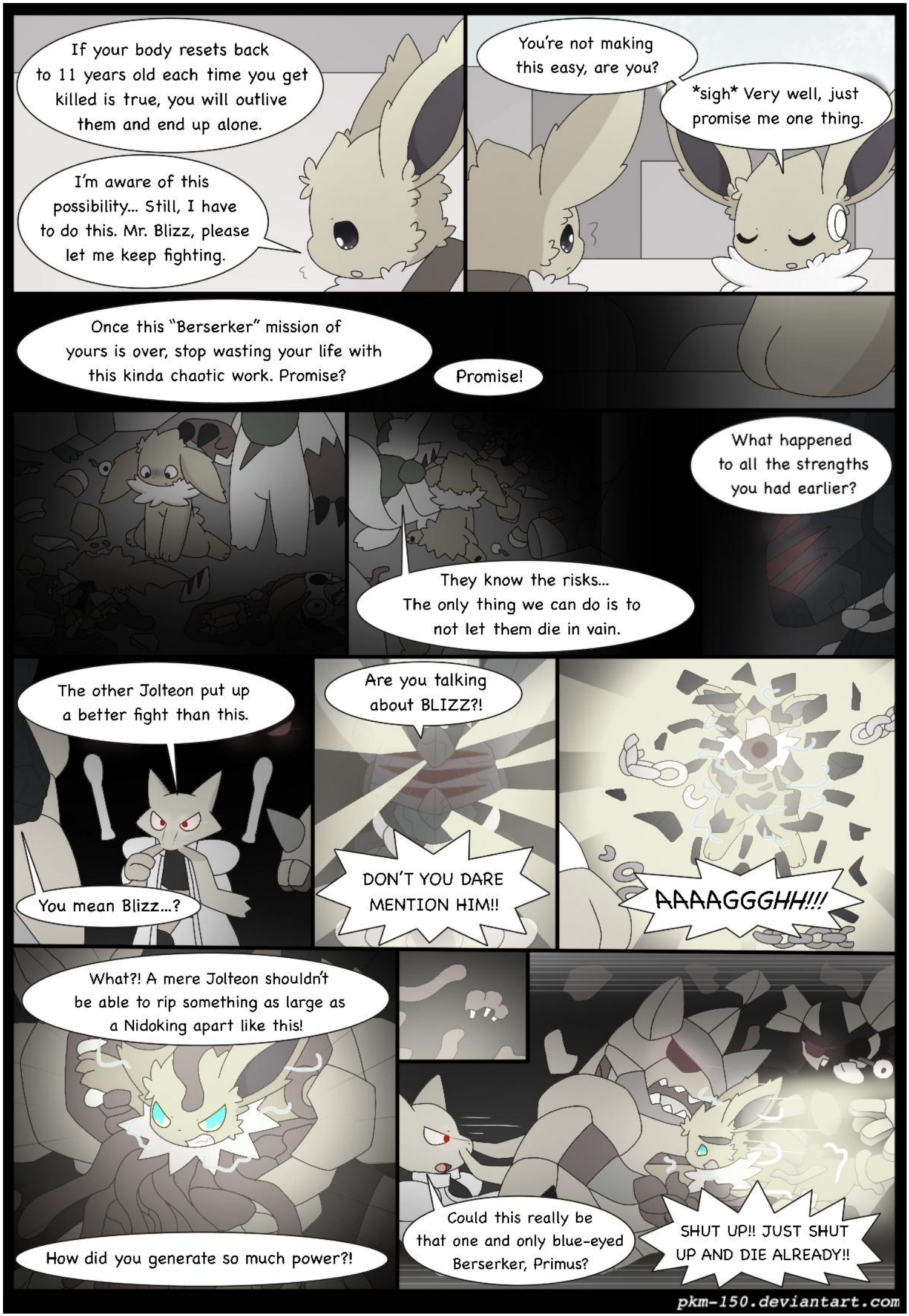
If your body resets back to 11 years old each time you get killed is true, you will outlive them and end up alone.
I'm aware of this possibility... Still, I have to do this. Mr. Blizz, please let me keep fighting.
You're not making this easy, are you?
sigh Very well, just promise me one thing.
Once this "Berserker" mission of yours is over, stop wasting your life with this kinda chaotic work. Promise?
Promise!
What happened to all the strengths you had earlier?
They know the risks... The only thing we can do is to not let them die in vain.
The other Jolteon put up a better fight than this.
You mean Blizz...?
Are you talking about BLIZZ?!
DON'T YOU DARE MENTION HIM!!
AAAAGGGHH!!!
What?! A mere Jolteon shouldn't be able to rip something as large as a Nidoking apart like this!
How did you generate so much power?!
Could this really be that one and only blue-eyed Berserker, Primus?
SHUT UP!! JUST SHUT UP AND DIE ALREADY!!

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Argh!
?!
Gah!
Never thought... I'd ever get a chance to fight one of the two original Berserkers...
I'm... not a Berserker! YOU ARE!
You'd have made an excellent underling...
It's a shame, you're too powerful to be left alive.
Goodbye.
Jolteon!
?
Are you alright?
Hey...
Fine...
You don't look like you're fine. Tell me what's wrong?
Oh, I know!
Come with me!
Hey...
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There, it's just the two of us.
EXIT
Will you tell me now?
I...
I couldn't sleep last night... To be fair, I didn't want to close my eyes.
Everything seems so unreal... Not just what I found, but everything about me.
What do you mean?
After what happened in the fight with CC, all the things... the old friends I've forgotten... all of the memories that were lost months ago are now jumbled together with the new ones and thrown back in my face...
That's not the worst part... Just when I found out that Mrs. Mollie is "our" mother, I also discovered something that I should have seen coming...
That's great! You should tell your family about it!
Just what am I going to tell them? Tell them that their "real" brother died 4 years ago?
Huh...?
Honestly, when I said I stopped trying to make sense of things, I meant it.
What Pearl said to me last night confirmed that I may not be the "original" Speed. What you see here is nothing more than a flawed copy created by that wish Trace altered behind my back.
That's not true...
I don't even share the same DNA with my family anymore. That's more than enough to prove it.
No, it isn't! Even if that's true, only your body is a copy, the soul must still be yours!
I... Do I even still have a soul at this point? After all the times I died?

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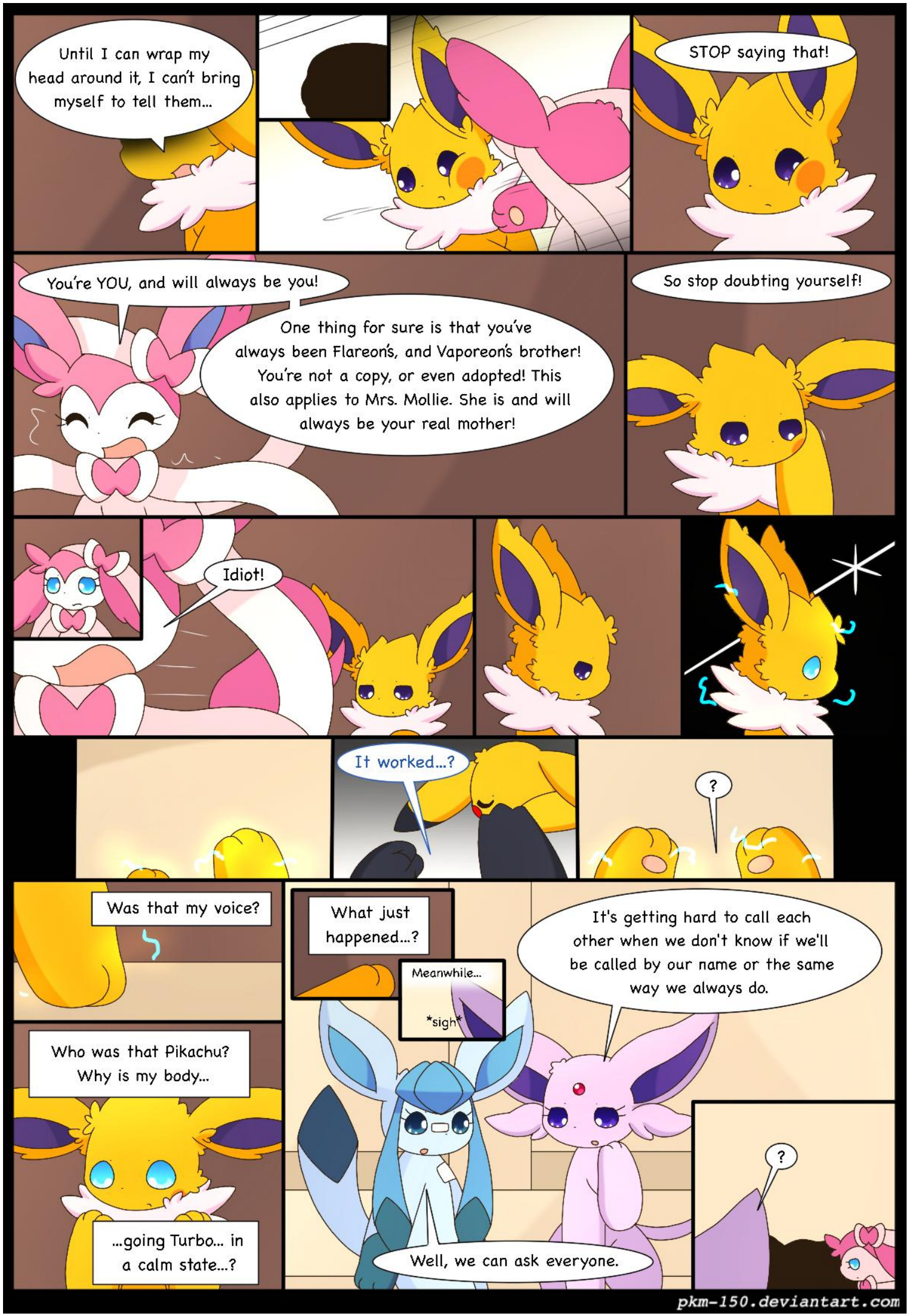
Until I can wrap my head around it, I can't bring myself to tell them...
STOP saying that!
You're YOU, and will always be you!
One thing for sure is that you've always been Flareon's, and Vaporeon's brother! You're not a copy, or even adopted! This also applies to Mrs. Mollie. She is and will always be your real mother!
So stop doubting yourself!
Idiot!
It worked...?
?
Was that my voice?
What just happened...?
Meanwhile...
sigh
It's getting hard to call each other when we don't know if we'll be called by our name or the same way we always do.
Who was that Pikachu? Why is my body...
...going Turbo... in a calm state...?
?
Well, we can ask everyone.
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Sylveon, what's wrong?
Nothing...
You look kinda mad. Did something happen?
I said it was nothing--
Espy, don't even try to read my mind!
I didn't try to.
If you don't wanna talk about your problem, let's just get back to Espeon's problem then.
Espeon is having a hard time deciding what to call ourselves whether by our real name or nickname.
Why don't we just ask everyone?
Same idea as mine.
Very well.
Everyone, gather up!
Is everyone minus CC and Gai here?
Umbreon isn't here though.
I am now.
Eeh!
Um...
Daddy isn't here.
Right... Where is he anyway, Sylveon?
Well, he--
Here.
?!
Sorry, Espy! We'll be right back!
Okay...?

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Was it just me or were his eyes blue like what Glacy said you were a day ago? How did your eyes turn blue anyway?
Oh.
Um... Contact lenses?
Meanwhile...
What were you thinking? They'll be suspicious if you go around with those eyes.
I can't turn them off...
What do you mean...?
It means I'm stuck like this... It's been more than 30 seconds with no drawbacks, no power boost. I still feel the same.
On second thought, there's still a drawback. I am getting really exhausted...
Idiot!
You're starting to act like Glaceon.
And you're starting to act like an airhead again!
Why are we in the girls restroom anyway?
Soon...
We're back! Sorry for leaving so sudden back then.
Turned out Jolteon just bought a pair of blue contact lenses. I thought something went wrong with him.
yawn
That's reasonable.
Blue eyes look great on you, big bro.
Thanks...
Okay... He acts different than himself from minutes ago... His blue eye power must be making him too exhausted to think straight... maybe messing with his memories too... This should distract him for a while...
Sylveon and Jolteon are acting weird...
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Let's get started, shall we? I would like to know your opinion on what we should call each other from this day on. You have two options.
Anyone who wants to be called by their real name raise your paw up. Anyone who wants to be called by their species name like we always did keep your paw down. Axel, you're not included in the vote.
Aw.
Everyone else, make your choice in 3... 2...
1!
Aw, come on!
It's 8 to 1. We'll call each other by our name from now on.
Whatever, I still want to call everyone by their species name.
Suit yourself then.
Now that we got this name thing down, time to move on to the next phase.
What's the next phase?
All of us need to get along with each other.
Silvia and Lazuli?
We're in good terms now.
Um...
Yeah, the three of us are now best friends!

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Good, Speed and Black?
I will continue respecting him as a fellow housemate, but we're not on good terms yet.
Fair point...
At least it's improving.
Hey, what did I miss?
A lot.
Okay, from now on, we are a true big family. No more conflicts, we should be there for each other and help out the best we can. Got it?
Got it!
Just look at them.
It's always nice to have a big family.
Yeah.
Yup.
Totally.
sigh I can't believe none of you took our last tour seriously.
In our defense, we still have plenty of time to spare.
Fair enough, let's get going.
Kids, let's go.
Coming.
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Later...
We're now at the game plaza.
Yes!
Ooh...
We'll be staying here. You kids have fun, but don't cause any trouble. You have 4 hours.
Okay!
From how I sense it... he seems to be feeling normal...
Either that or he's just really that good at hiding his feelings...
Could you let me go?
R-right!
Wanna check the winning prizes first?
Aye!
Yep!
Is it just me or do some of us act out of character?
I don't mind the changes. Everyone is nice to each other.
Wow...
Daddy, I want that dolly!

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That's one big Jolteon plushy...
Of course, it's a life-sized plushy.
I want one too!
There's only one. You'll have to give it to her.
But there's another one right here.
Where?
Never mind.
How much is it?
I'm afraid you can't buy it. It's a winning prize.
Oh... How do I win that?
There are many games in the plaza that you can play to earn points. Each game can cost from 1 to 5 tokens. You can buy 5 tokens with 1 Poké.
Okay, how many points can I earn from each game?
Normally, you can earn between 10 and 25 points in total each time you win. Some games let you earn up to 150 points total.
Alright, let's get this started. 100 tokens, please.
Here you go.
How many points do I need to win that plushy?
15000 points.
That's going to take a while...
There's a game that let you earn 5000 points if you complete all of the missions. But I must warn you, it's the hardest and requires 2 players.
I see.
But I want it...
Don't worry, sweetie. We'll win it for you.
Yeah, wait... Sweetie?
What? I can't call her that?
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That plushy will be yours in no time. We promise.

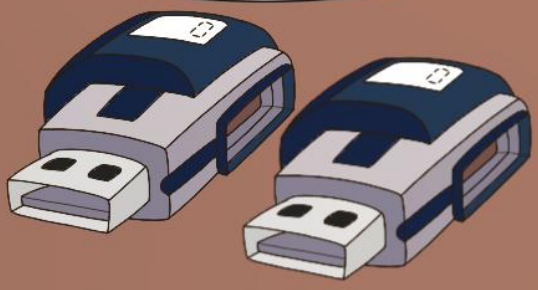
Aye! Mommy-Silvia, daddy, you're the best!

Kids, these days... Already have a child at this age.

It's not what it looks like!

Alright, alright.

Here are your point collectors. Just make sure to insert it into the game machine before you play otherwise you won't earn a single point.



Got it.

Let's do our best!

They sure want to win that plushy.

Just some things he does for Sunshine. He loves her.

Silvia is really into it too.

Aren't you jealous? Eevee also called Sylveon mommy.

Why should I? If she's happy with it, I'm happy too--

Mommy-Lazuli!

H-huh?

You don't like it, mommy?

N-no, it's just a bit sudden.

Ooh~ Your face is red, really red.

N-no, it's just hot in here.

What are you talking about? This place has many air machine things. What are they called again?

Mr. Frank said they're called air conditioners.

Thank you.

I wonder how big bro and Silvia are doing.

I don't know. They're having fun, I guess.

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Are daddy and mommy-Silvia doing okay?
I'm sure they are doing great. They'll win that plushy for you before you know it!
Where are you going?
I'll be wandering around. Playing some games, maybe. Later!
sigh
So um...
Yes, mommy?
You're a good kid.
Love you, mommy!
I'm going to look around the plaza with Pearl. Are you coming too, Flare?
I think I'll stay here.
I understand.
Later, Leafy. Have fun.
Okay, sis.
Big sister-Lazuli?
Yes?
What do you think of big brother-Speed?
It's um... It's hard to put this into words... He's nice and kind...
I'm really surprised that he still wants to hang out and forgive me after everything I've done to him.
That's just big bro.
I'm going to check on Silvia. Mind if you look after the kids?
Sure.
Thanks!
So what do you wanna do?
I want some ice cream.
Chocolate Sundae!!
Silvia~!

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There you are, my little princess!
Big brother?
I've never been so proud of you! You're trying to make my dream come true!
What do you mean? Big brother, stop!
Oh, don't play dumb with me. I saw you and Yellow getting close. You were like a cute little couple.
Eh...?
You love him, don't you?
My dream is for Yellow and us to become a family once you marry him.
You two are going to have a baby. Oh, there's always room for more if you wanna raise a full set of Eeveelution.
Where's Silvia?
Hey, over here!
Could you please get me down?
How did you...?
Details aren't important!
Meanwhile...
Another high score? How are you this good?
I used to play this in my hometown.
That's so cool! Hey, can you do it while blindfolded?
Why not?
What's that?
Huh? What's what?
That symbol on your tail.
Oh, that's my second sin...
What does it mean?
I-I um... I don't actually know. I've had it for as long as I can remember, but I never knew what it meant.
I could have sworn I didn't see it on your tail yesterday...
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It's the Sin of Greed.
What?
Oh, it's another one of you!
The Sin of Greed means you have a greed-like nature and you will take anything you want whenever you want to.
That's kinda cool--
And she's gone. Wow...
What's wrong?
It's... It's nothing. I don't know why... I felt like all of my powers suddenly vanished...
I don't think I want to use them anyway. I'll just throw a ball into the goal without looking.
Sunshine, taste this.
Mmh~
Sweet throw!
Arigatō yo, my friend.
It seems CC lost her powers... Could it be that the world has fixed itself like what Leafeon me said...?
Since CC came from a different world...
...maybe it finally made her power adjust to our world until she goes back home...?
I don't understand anything anymore...
I need an adult...
I am an adult.
Eeeeehhh!!!
?

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Big brother, what's wrong?
I-it's nothing!
Leafeon me, is that you?
It's Solar. Yeah, I am.
How are you talking to me while I'm awake?
I am using Starlight's body, my version of Fluffy's body. Being able to do this is part of the 50% bond abilities. I can talk to you because it recognizes me as Fluffy. Normally, you'd need to activate your power for this to work, but it seems I'm an exception.
Wait, you mean Fluffy and I already reached 50% bond? That was fast. I thought it'd take months, not a few days.
You wouldn't believe what's happening in here. By the way, your Fluffy is already awake.
Huh...? But I'm the middle of eating chocolate ice cream... This is bad! He's going to make me go crazy for more chocolate!
Hey, you were constantly using your power left and right for the past few days. It's bound to speed up your bonding. About your world, it removed some stuff that didn't belong here, but not all. As long as that CC girl is still around, only 70% of the world can be fixed.
Jeez, relax. I'm handling Fluffy for you. Besides, didn't he already prove to you that he would be well-behaved? Take yesterday for example. The trouble was caused by that Glaceon, not you.
I guess...
Big brother-Flare keeps making weird, funny faces.
Aye.
I can't tell you everything about what's going on here right now, but I'll show you once you get in here. Later.
Okay, I'll see you tonight.
...
Who want some waffles...?
Waffles!

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Meanwhile...
Hey, Silvia.
Oh hi, Glacy-- I mean Lazuli.
If you're so used to calling me by my nickname, you could just continue using it.
So um... You know what's up with Speed? Something is wrong.
What?
Not telling.
I said I'm not telling you!
Okay, something is clearly wrong!
You're acting strange.
What do you mean? I'm always like this.
Normally, you would slip out any secret you know. So why try to hide it now?
What are you talking about?
I'm talking about Speed. You've been acting weird around him since his eyes turned blue. So tell me, what is wrong with him?
Different time.
You never cared--
sigh
Fine, you win...
inhale
I-I don't know what to do anymore! Speedy thinks he's a copy of himself! I-I know he's not! I just don't have enough proof yet! I-I...
Okay, calm down. I won't understand a thing if you continue like that. Take a deep breath and tell me everything.
Soon...
So let me get this straight.
Speed doesn't share any relation with his family now, but he used to. He's not a copy of himself. He's just not using his original body anymore since he died multiple times?

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On top of that, Mrs. Mollie is their long lost mother. Speed didn't want to tell his siblings because he's still... confused and lost?

About his blue eyes, it's a power of his, but something went wrong with it, causing him to be an idiot again?

How much do you know about his powers?

From what I got from asking his friend, he has a healing power that keeps healing him and won't let him die from anything other than aging. I think it gave him a random Jolteon body when his original body was destroyed.

I don't know much about his blue eyed power, but his friend said it's a possible source of unlimited energy and believed that it's been within him since the day he hatched. It's rather strange that he still has this power.

You're saying his blue eyed power has been within him since the beginning yet his current body is a copy?

Yeah...

If his body is a flawed copy, his blue eyed power should be gone along with his original body, yet it wasn't. You know what that means.

You mean his power is attached to his soul and not the body? Meaning his soul is still residing within his copy body, making him the real Speedy!

Bingo! The problem is we need physical proof, otherwise he won't believe it.

I'd contact his friend for the proof, but I don't know a way to communicate with him here.

Then we have to wait until we return home.

I guess you're right...

Hey, cheer up, will you? His blue eyed power is doing its job by messing with his head, but it may not be enough. For now, let's work together to distract him from his depression.

Really?

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I don't care if some would say I'm acting stranger than usual. This is my chance to make up for all the terrible things I've done to him.
Anyway, let's focus on getting that doll for Sunshine. He should also be distracted by this.
My point collector still has 0 points. What about you?
Right.
834 points.
This thing has a point transferring feature. Let's collect as much points as we can and combine them together.
Sounds like a plan, let's do this!
It's good to be me again...
Leafy, I hope you're proud of me.
Meanwhile...
Blacky?
What do you want?
Just want to check on you. Are you still mad at Speed?
What do you think?
For me, hatred takes us nowhere.
We need to learn to forgive. Everyone makes mistakes once in a while.
You know there's much more than this. You're friends so why not try to work things out.
You always see the good in everything, huh?
Yes, my mom used to always say there's good in everyone.
That's nice. How is she?
She...
I-I...
Did something happen to her...?
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Hey, no need to answer. It must hurt a lot.
His heartbeats... are so calm and gentle...
Blacky...?
Let's go join the kids and your boyfriend.
B-boyfriend...? Blacky, wait up.
He was acting strange just now...
So um... Axel?
Yes?
I think you haven't told us much about yourself. What made you want to live with us?
The thing is, only mom, dad, and Mrs. Mollie are with me. I'm the only kid around so it's very lonely for me.
What about your friends?
Didn't have any. Those kids always bullied me. I always had to pretend to be strong, but it didn't work well since I'm not good at fighting.
Those kids are mean. No wonder you want to come with us.
Big brother-Black!
How was your walk with Pearl?
Good.
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If those kids bullied you, why not stand up to them?
Even if I did, they were stronger than me. I didn't have any friends to help...
Don't be sad. You are my best friend now.
Thanks, Sunshine.
Hug!
Your fur is so soft like mine.
Th-thanks.
Are you blushing?
N-no, it's just hot here!
Because of big brother?
Don't let those bullies win. You said you had a terrible fighting grade, correct? How about I become your mentor and teach you to improve that skill?
Really?
I mean it.
Thank you, big brother-Black!
My lessons will be tough, so be prepared.
O-okay!
As for you, I can sense that you have a lot of potential, even more than your idiot brother. Why don't you put it to good use?
Put it to good use?
I think he is offering you to train with him.
A-are you sure?
Yes, what do you say?
I accept it!
That's great.
Hug for big brother-Black!
Sunshine, what do you think you're doing?
Big brother-Black looks like he needs a hug.
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Sorry about Sunshine.
No need, it's nothing.
It seems he's slowly opening up for others.
Meanwhile...
I wonder which game to play next?
Five tokens to play. Easy game! Easy game! Any takers?
Set me up, I'll play.
It's CC.
Here you go, what's your name by the way? I always like to learn all about my first time customers by name.
CC... That's a nice name, hope you have fun playing. Just got one thing to tell you before we start.
What is it?
You play by the rules of the game. No cheating, alright?
Alright.
What are you playing?
It's ball toss. Never lost a game yet.
Wow! What prize are you trying to win?
That Ice Stone bracelet.
Wish you luck, weird Glaceon.
Thanks, but I don't need luck. I can win this game with my eyes closed.
Yes! Do it again!
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Did I hit anything yet?
I don't think so.
Guess I'll try again.
?
I don't hear anything. I'll just have to put a little more muscle into the next throw.
Huh?
Hey, hold it!
This game is rigged!
Now, now. You must be seeing things. The game isn't rigged.
Objection!
I saw the balls hit the pins multiple times! On top of that, you were acting weird!
I knew I didn't miss.
Boo! Liar! Cheater! Scammer!
Here are your three balls. Hopefully, you'll win this time around.
Okay, if you stop, I'll give her a free try, alright?
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Oh, I'll have my eyes on you now... Dead-eyes...
This time I'm going to see what's going on.
Finally! Nice shot!
Winner! Winner! I knew you could win. If you act like yourself and try to do things the right way, you will go far.
Coming from a scammer...
Thank you. Now I would like that Ice Stone bracelet, please.
Here's your prize. Now you two, get out of my sight.
New High Score!
Ready when you are!
Are you ready for the third round, Glacy?
Great! Let's see how much more we can sync!
Hours later...
sigh
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3890 points in total...
Each game took about 5 minutes to finish. In 3 hours even if I play the ones that give the most points on each win, I still won't have enough.
Really?
Oh, you're here. Lazuli too? How many points did you two earn?
4080 points.
2625 points.
I don't think we'll be able to... *yawn* ...win that Jolteon in time. We only have an hour left.
Wait, 3 hours had passed already?
Yeah.
We have an idea.
What's that?
Lend us your point collector.
?
Done.
10595 points? Why?
Why? Isn't this about getting that giant Jolteon plushy for our baby? All that matters is we win that plushy.
So we don't have much time left. What do we do?
Didn't the staff say there's a game that can let us earn 5000 points? Why not go there and play it?
Really? Let's go there right now!
Hey, wait...
Soon...
Hmm...
Why do both players have to synchronize their movements to control a character?
Sounds like fun!
Yeah!
No, it isn't.
Let's see... There are 10 levels and we have to beat all the levels to get the points. If we lose even when we reach the last level, we won't get any points. It requires 2 players to play and both players have to work together to win the game.

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You and Speedy should do it.
R-really?
Yeah!
Let's get this over with.
R-right!
All set?
Yup.
Please select your character!
Who should we pick?
The strongest one. We don't have all day.
What she said.
But that one is a bipedal. I'll pick the strongest quadruped character then.
Ready?
Ready.
Level 1!
This one seems easy. Let's go--
Huh?
Argh!
Oh, come on! Why isn't the control responding?!
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Can't move!
Aaargh!
Strange, when our character gets hurt, so do we. Now I get why no one wanted to play this game.
Pull ourselves together!
Why won't it move?! Look out!
Aah!
Game over!
What just happened...?
Maybe your movement doesn't sync with his. Let me give it a try.
O-okay.
Alright, Speedy, work with me.
R-right.
Level 1!
Let's go--
Huh?
Argh!
Speedy, are you okay--
Stop it...
Stop it...! Stop it! Go away!
Speedy...?
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So that's why we lost! It was him unable to sync with us, not the other way around! This game must have triggered his bad memories!
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Ah!
Game over!
You sit back this time.
Wh-what...? I can win this...!
No, you can't!
Yes, I can--
Argh!
This is worse than I thought...
What's wrong with him?
His power is starting to backfire... It's forcing him to relive his past trauma, I think.
What?!
Let me do it! NOW!!
This is bad, we need to calm him down!
Let me do it...
It... worked...?
Seems like it.
Is he... already fallen asleep?
Let's finish this while he's sleeping.
R-right! Let's put our training to the test.
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Ready?
Ready!
Level 1!
Go!
Yes! The controls are working fine!
This is kinda easy.
Only because we practiced our ability to sync before this.
I guess you're right.
Haaah!
Glacy, Deathclaws ability is now usable! Our target is low on health too!
Use it to finish it!
Level 1 completed! Processing level 2!
One down, nine more to go!
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Big brother-Black?
Yeah?
Are you angry at daddy?
I don't really know anymore...
Please don't be angry at daddy...
I... I know from the outside, I'd still yell at him for what he had done.
But deep down, I've already forgiven him...
I just... I don't know how to describe this.
It sounds like you don't want to admit you've forgiven him.
Maybe...
Say, you're getting better at speaking.
How nice.
Axel has been teaching me.
How are things between you and cousin-Pearl?
I don't know, normal?
You should talk with everyone more, big brother-Black. It'd be better for you.
A child is giving a teenager a life lesson? You're oddly smart for your age.
Maybe you're right. I should try to get to know everyone better.
Especially, her.
I hope daddy and mommies are doing fine.
Later...
Level 9 completed!
Processing level 10!
You have reached the final level!
pant
pant
Right!
Just one more level... *pant* Let's finish this!
Warning!
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Wow... It's way bigger than our character!
It's heading towards us. Let's move--
Kya!
It's too fast!
Haa!
No damage?!
Wah!
Eeh!
Do something, Silvia! We've already lost half of our health!
There's gotta be a weak spot!
The nape!
Alright, follow my lead!
It worked!
Keep going, Silvia! Don't let it catch us!
Dodge!
Right!
Deathclaws ability is now available!
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We'll end this right here, right now!
We will defeat you!
Haaaa!!
Ultimate Finish!
Congratulations! You have won the game! Thank you for playing!
We won...?
We really won!
Yes! We won!
We did it!
We got all the points!
What happened...?
Here you go, sweetie~
Wah...
Thank you, mommies, daddy!
Aye!
That's a giant plushy.
You were awesome back there.
You too.
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If I'm being honest, I was kinda jealous of you.
Why?
You're always cheerful and sometimes I got jealous when you hang out with Speed.
But now I understand. I'll try to be more like you from now on.
Maybe just be more nice. You don't have to be like me. You called me annoying before, remember?
I guess. He's kinda cute when he's like this.
You could say that again.
You still love him... don't you?
Wh-what? I-I don't know what you're talking about.
Strange reaction.... Could she really be his ex-girlfriend if her claim from days ago was true?
Meanwhile...
So... what do you think about the movie?
I don't know.
Oh well, I think those guys will be back soon. Wanna go to the beach?
Okay.
Chill?
Yeah?
You told me you're friends with Mew, Celebi, Jirachi, and another Manaphy. I wanna meet them sometime. How are they doing?
Who knows? Last time we met was a couple of thousand years ago. Well, actually I last met Jirachi 2 years ago. He's back asleep again. What a sleepy head.
Anyway, you'll meet them someday, I promise.
Okay, would you stay with me by the sea tonight?
Sure.

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Back to the beach house!
What should we have for dinner?
How about soup?
Sounds good.
Later that night...
Over here.
Glad you didn't sleep through the night like I thought you would.
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I got your letter.
I know, I made sure it reached you... Just doubted you would take it seriously.
Why would I not take your words seriously? Now that we are both here... What's up?
I just... I thought we should talk. After all this time...
...I think we owe it to each other to try to work things out.
I... I'm glad to hear that from you, honestly.
I really believe we can work through this. Remember the time I helped you up when you fell?
How could I forget? Well, I sorta did... but I got it restored somehow.
That was the first time we met. We talked about how Frost had so many female friends. Funny stuff, right?
Right, then you said he lied to you about me not knowing he was an Explorer.
Yeah, I was surprised that he was able to maintain 2 jobs at the same time.
Same.
I wish Frost was still here...
Me too...
Anyways, we're not here to talk about my brother...
Let's change the subject then...
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Remember when I said there might be someone strong who would protect us all one day... and you said it would be me?
Actually, you're wrong on the first part... I was never a hero. All I did was continue to hurt those around me... especially her... Some hero I was...
I remember, who would have thought... what I said to you all those years ago actually came true... A hero... and a young, famous champion... "The Yellow Flash", they said?
Do you know why I didn't want to make sense of everything? It's because I didn't want to accept what was going on.
Everything happened too fast... Up to the point where I couldn't even keep up with all of it... I... I just wish I've never done what I did...
What are you talking about? Regret? Running from your problems? Those are common traits that make us living. Nobody's perfect.
CC proved otherwise. And that doesn't change the fact that I've killed thousands.
You, a murderer? Don't make me laugh.
And you shouldn't compare us to that girl.
Fine... But you weren't there at the time... I was arrested twice. I only got off the hook because I was "just a kid". What I did was enough to traumatize anyone for the rest of their life.
That's your problem, you're always looking at the past.
So are you. Except you didn't make terrible mistakes like I did.
No...
I made them too.
But you're right, I don't know whatever the heck you did after the day I snapped at you. All I do know now is you had a good reason to do so.
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I'm sure there are plenty who see you as their hero.
What if you're wrong? The villain could've been me, for all they know.
Speed, that's never gonna happen like you thought it would.
But honestly, I don't see how this has anything to do with us rebuilding our friendship.
It has everything to do with it. I don't deserve to be called your friend.
I know, you know, we both are to blame for shattering our bond. I hate that you escalated, I escalated. I hate that I didn't try to work things out with you.
Tell me! What can I do to stop this once and for all?
You can start by telling me the real reason your eyes are blue. It's obvious that they're not contact lenses.
You were lucky that you closed your eyes whenever you were near the adults. Mrs. Rin would've been the first adult to be suspicious of you.
And I no longer care about what you hid from me in the past, you can keep them to yourself if necessary. All I want now is your honesty for what's happening in the present.
After all those lies, I believe it's the least you can do to make up for it.
Very well...
I see...
They are part of a power up I called "Turbo Boost" or just Turbo for short. Normally, my fur would be glowing and sharpened, but these features don't seem to apply at the moment. It gives me some sorta super power by enhancing my speed and strength. My friend once told me that it could provide me unlimited power.
Even if that's true, it's kinda useless when my body can't handle it for more than 30 seconds. And none of the enhancements I just described are presented at the moment. Almost like someone is using me as a template and stealing my power.
Let's test it out then. How about a sparring match?
What?

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But your body isn't fully recovered yet. I might accidentally make it worse.
Pearl has been stuffing me with Oran berries and healing items. My back should be nearly fixed.
Wait, she seriously did that?
Sorta. As for you, you can't lie to me that you can still hit me with your full strength. Your body is too exhausted to land any heavy blows on me
If this is what you want, so be it...
Hhaaarrhhh!!
You got hurt again? What is it this time? Did you get into a fight? Did something, or someone hurt you?
Um... It's hard to explain...
You seriously need to learn how to protect yourself. And I'll be happy to teach you a few new tricks.
Not bad, you're surprisingly good at this. Are you sure you've never learned how to fight before?
I um... just let out my aggression. It's nothing.
Yeah, right. I know aggression when I see it. Whether you believe it or not... You really are something special.
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!
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So now you're telling me that you've never gone to school before?
Yeah... They won't accept wild Pokémon.
You're a wild Pokémon? I'd have never guessed... but this explains your fighting capability. It's just your instinct that kicks in.
Whatever you are, you'll always be my friend. Let's continue, shall we?
Right.
Nice move!
Thanks!
Haaahh!
Argh!
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You might not be able to take down high level opponents yet, but you should be able to go toe to toe with 4 or 5 bullies at a time without breaking a sweat.
Thanks, man.
huff
puff
To be honest with you, I've never paid much attention to using melee combat. I usually rely on using ranged attacks. I can do damage to my opponent and keep my distance all in one.
Fair point. Just note that you can't rely on ranged attacks all the time. There are times your opponent can use that as a blind spot, making it easier for them to attack you up-close.
I'll keep that in mind. I appreciate you taking your time to teach me all of this.
You appreciate? Are you kidding me? I haven't felt this happy since I was 3.
Though it would have been even better if Frost was still here to teach you all of this... But...
You made me believe I can find happiness again.
So I should be the one to thank you.
Best friends?
Forever!
pant
pant
pant
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Hey um... Am I forgiven now?
You kept your side of the bargain so I don't see the point of not forgiving you.
Thanks.
Don't thank me. To be honest, I'd already forgiven you long ago... I just... hated to admit it.
It's still nice to know.
We should've talked sooner.
Yeah.
Anyway, you do know that we can't go back inside the house without being scolded by the adults, right? Since you know, it's already past midnight.
They'd be sleeping by now. We just had to wait until Silvia's brother fell asleep before we could come out here, didn't we? Silvia is kinda a cute name.
Of course, you would find that name cute... I can't move. Dang it... That sparring must have drained all my energy.
I can't move either... Maybe sparring was a bad idea. Looks like we're stuck out here for tonight.
End of Special Chapter 10
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